

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~The fabric material of claim 1~~ A fabric material for forming a garment to be worn by a user, the fabric material having a first side and a second side, the fabric material comprising:

a plurality of fibers, at least a portion of the fibers having at least one exposed hollow fiber;

wherein the exposed hollow fibers have a substantially C-shaped cross-sectional configuration; and

wherein each fiber directs moisture from the first side of the fabric material to the second side of the fabric material.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~The garment of claim 13 wherein~~ A garment to be worn by a user, the garment directing moisture in a direction generally away from the user, the garment comprising:

a fabric material having a plurality of fibers, each fiber being either a closed-sided fiber or an open-sided fiber, the open-sided fibers having have a substantially C-shaped cross-sectional configuration.